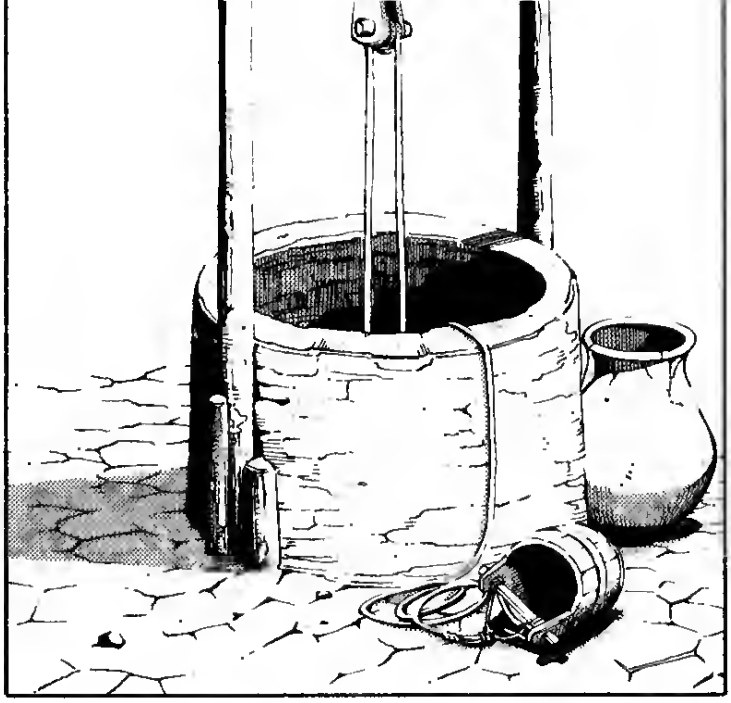
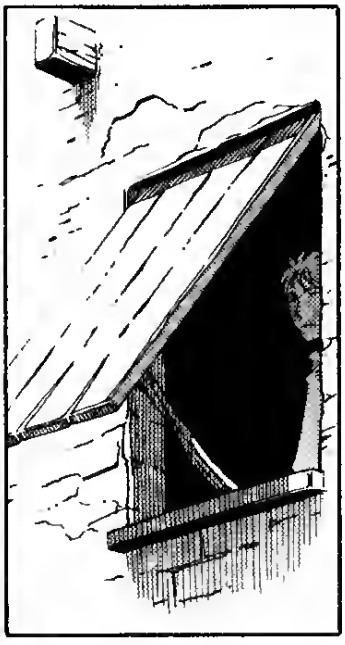
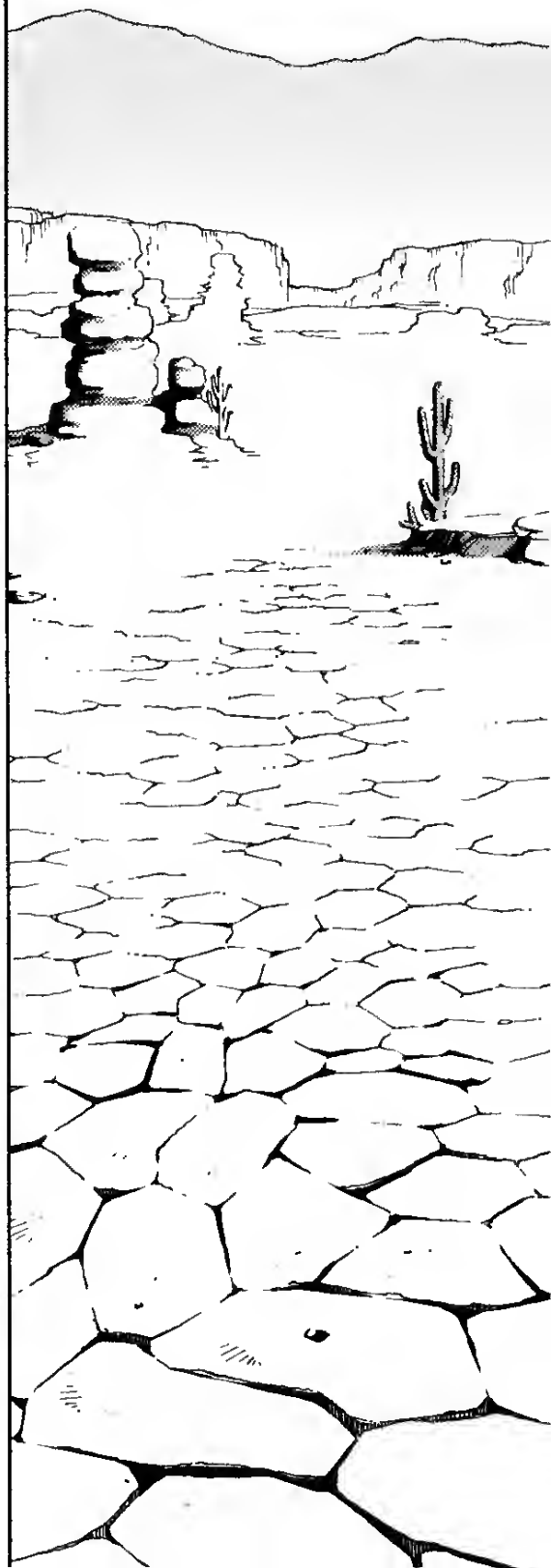
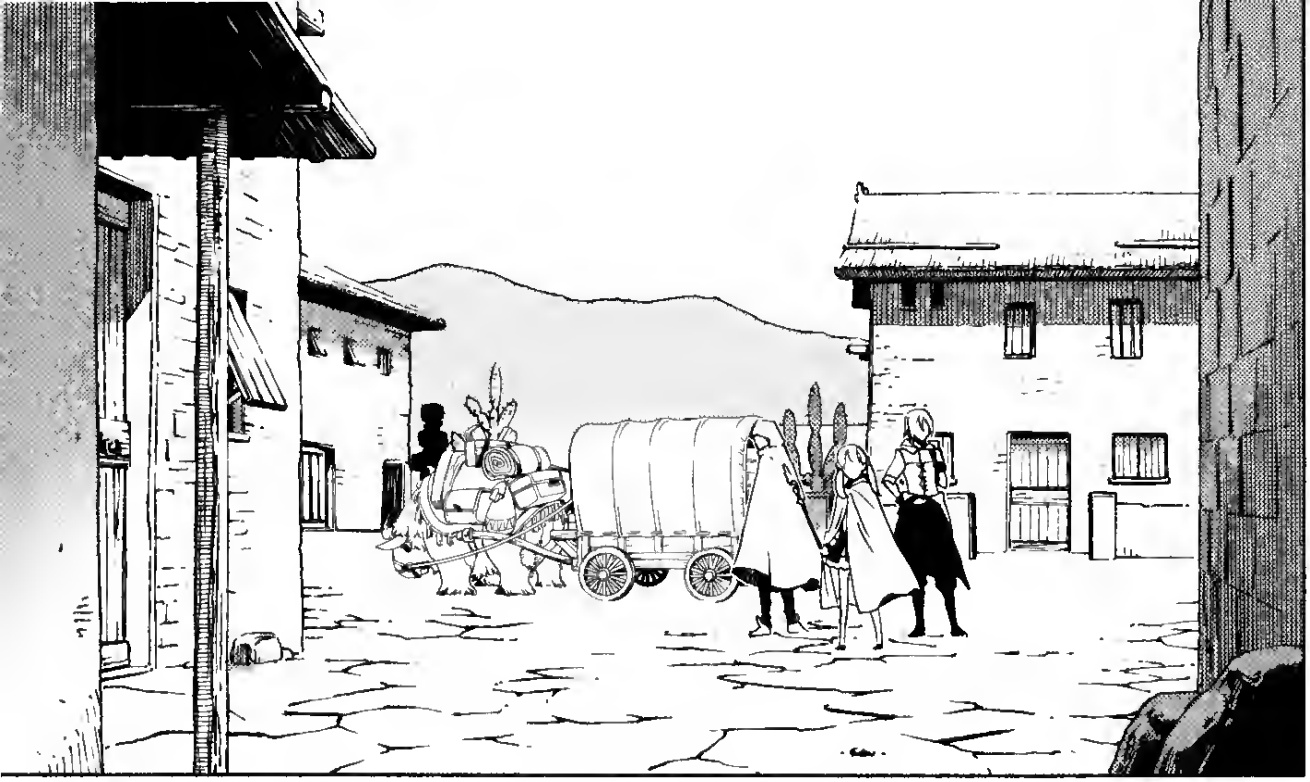
# CHAPTER 4: THE VILLAGE WITHERING OF WATER





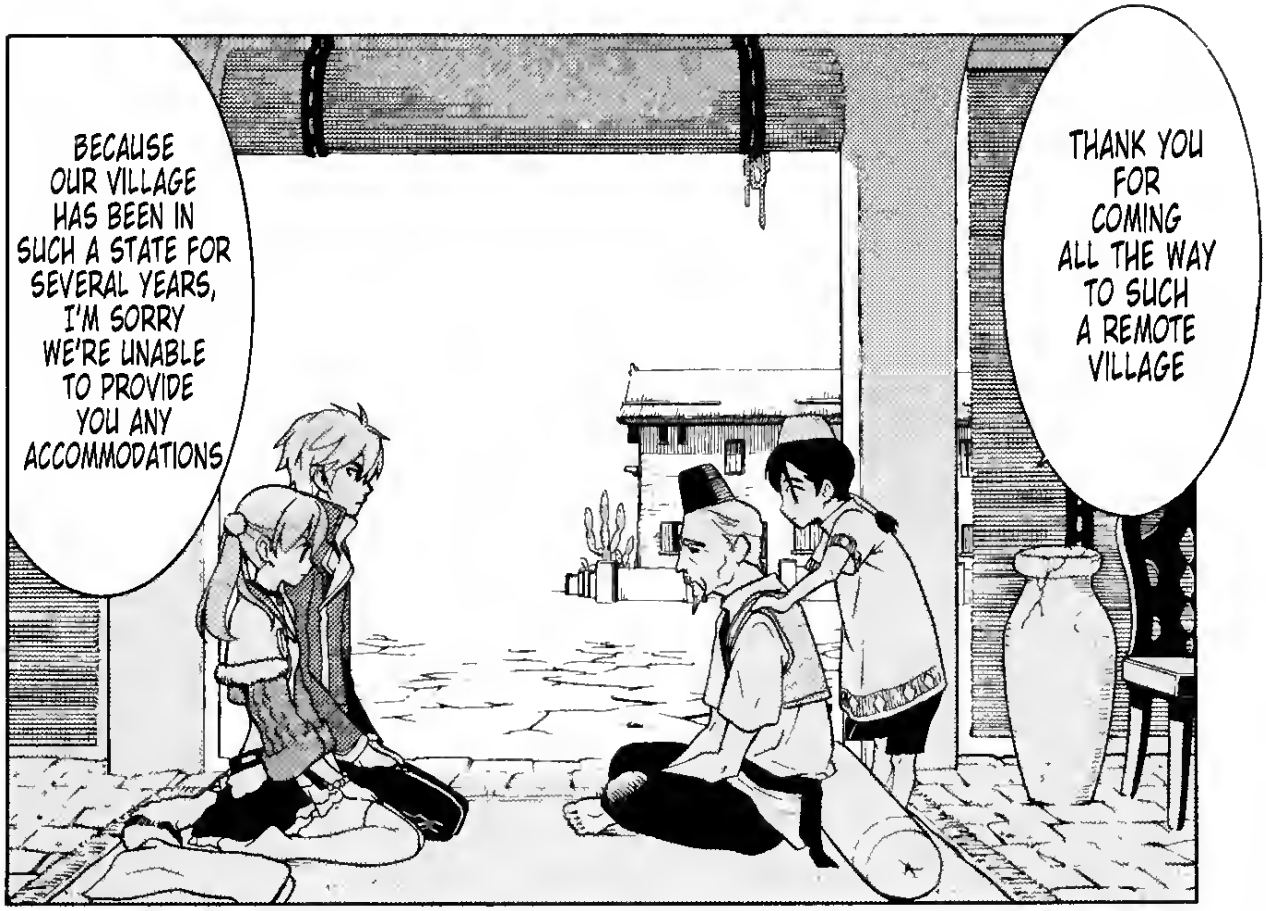


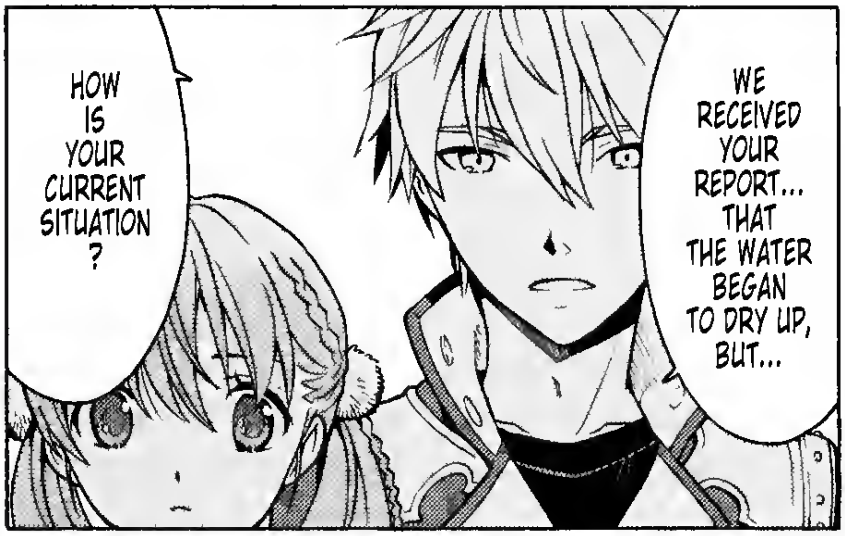


...THE VILLAGE IS RATHER DESERTED, HUH


NO... IT'S THIS HEAT
DURING THE DAY, THE PEOPLE SPEND TIME INDOORS TO AVOID CONSUMING THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH

YOU MUST BE THE PEOPLE FROM THE CORSEIT BRANCH
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU
RUSTLE!


THANK YOU FOR COMING ALL THE WAY TO SUCH A REMOTE VILLAGE
BECAUSE OUR VILLAGE HAS BEEN IN SUCH A STATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I'M SORRY WE'RE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOU ANY ACCOMMODATIONS


WE RECEIVED YOUR REPORT... THAT THE WATER BEGAN TO DRY UP, BUT...
HOW IS YOUR CURRENT SITUATION ?

I BELIEVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET BY WITH THOSE SUPPLIES FOR THE TIME BEING

... ...
IT HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED ...

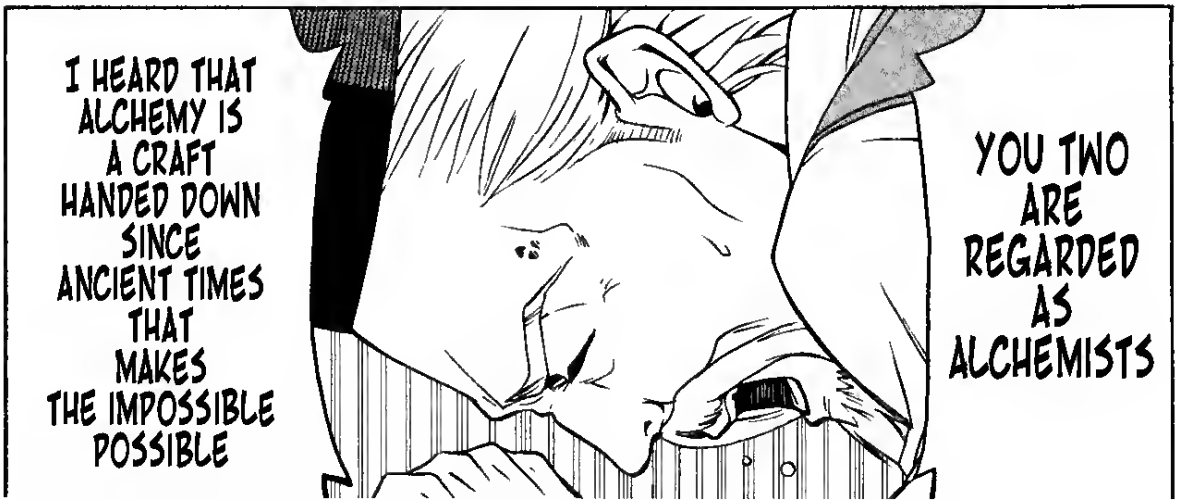
GRANDPA, MAY I GET SOME WATER, TOO ?
YES, YOU MAY

EXCUSE ME ...
BESIDES WATER, YOUR SUPPLIES DON'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH, AS WELL, BUT... DON'T THE CARAVANS (CARAVANS OF MERCHANTS) COME ?
THE FACT IS, ALTHOUGH THE DROUGHT WAS TERRIBLE IN THIS VICINITY FROM THE START... IT DID RAIN, STILL, DURING THE RAINY SEASON
HOWEVER, THE DROUGHT CONITINUED FOR THESE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND OUR WELL, WHICH IS THE LIFELINE OF THE VILLAGE, HAS RUN DRY
THERE HAS BEEN A CARAVAN OF MERCHANTS WE HAVE CONTRACTED, BUT RECENTLY, A BRUTAL DEMON HAS APPEARED ON OUR NORTHERN ROAD
SO THE CARAVAN HAD TO CHANGE THEIR ROUTE
A DEMON ...

SOMETHING STRANGE IS HAPPENING TO THIS REMOTE REGION | OR AM I THINKING TOO MUCH ?
HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE RECENT APPEARANCE OF THE BREAKER

PLEASE, THERE'S NO NEED TO BOW
MR. MAYOR ... !?

SWIFT


I HEARD THAT ALCHEMY IS A CRAFT HANDED DOWN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES THAT MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE
YOU TWO ARE REGARDED AS ALCHEMISTS

PLEASE SAVE THIS VILLAGE WITH YOUR ALCHEMY !!
PLEASE ...

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ARE YOU GOING OVER THE CASE ON EACH OF THE MAYOR'S REQUEST ?
... YEAH

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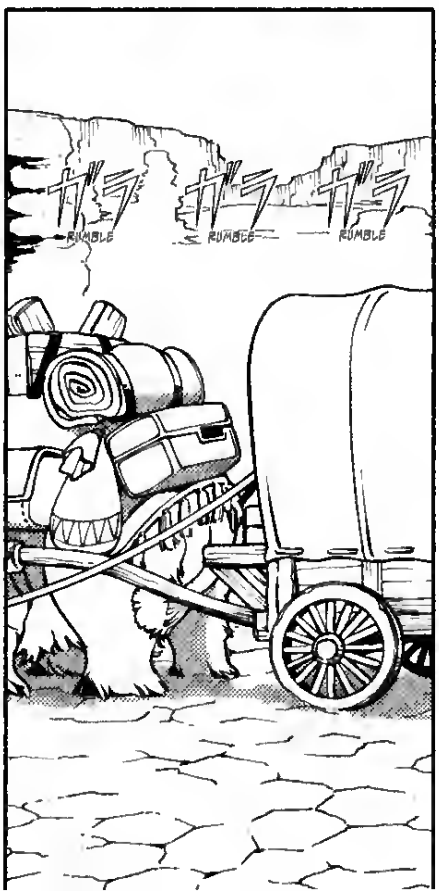
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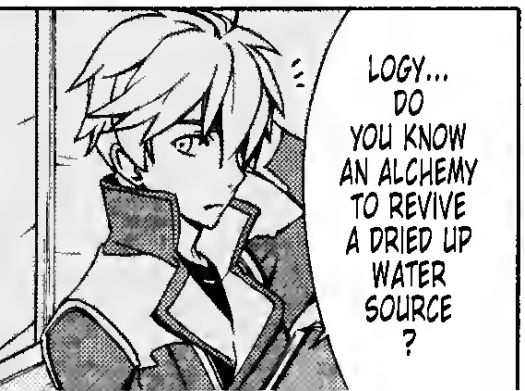
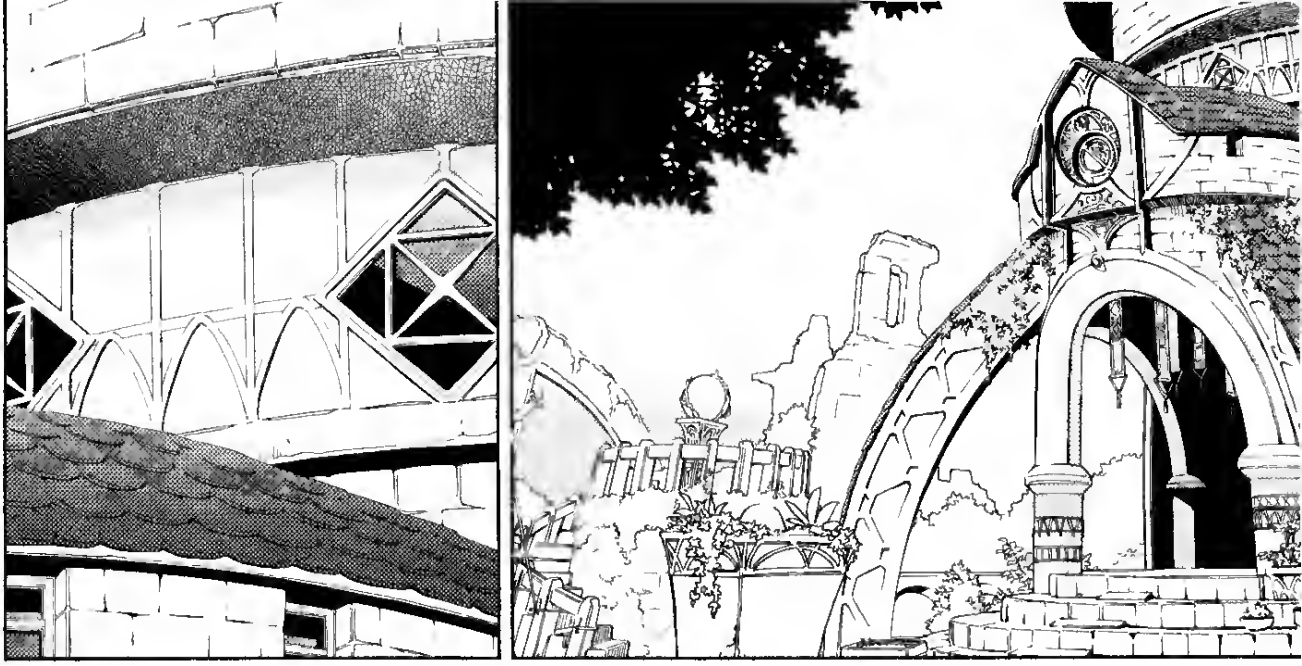

LOGY... DO YOU KNOW AN ALCHEMY TO REVIVE A DRIED UP WATER SOURCE ?



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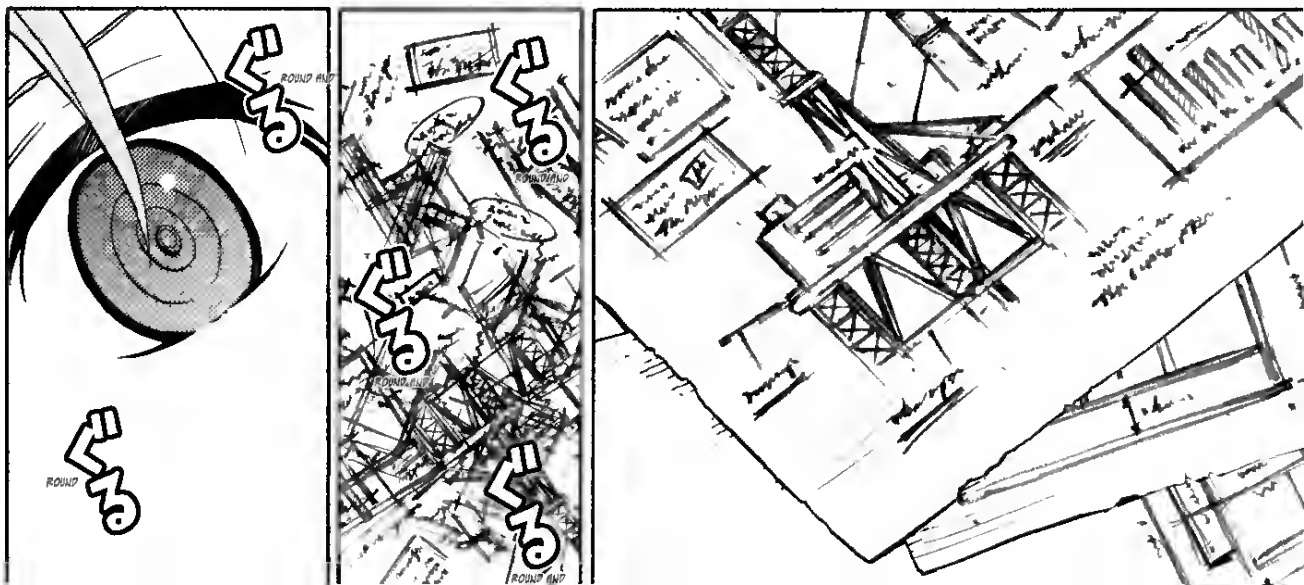
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ALL RIGHT... WE'RE ABLE TO HANDLE A LOT OF OUR DUTIES
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YOU'RE AWFUL !! YOU'RE AWFUL, LOGY !!
FOR HANDING SUCH AN UN-REASONABLE PLAN TO ME ...
WERE YOU TAKING IT SERIOUSLY ? THEY DO SAY, IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SOMETHING TOO BIG THAN TOO SMALL, I GUESS... THINK OF IT AS SOMETHING TO USE AS A REFERENCE ...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... EVEN WHEN I SEE THE PLAN WITH THE HUGE PLANT...
THAT DRAWS WATER FROM AN UNDERGROUND VEIN, I'M UNABLE TO COMPREHEND IT AT ALL
LOGY ! ...
ROLL ROLL
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YOU'RE ... ...
THIS IS THE PLAN THAT EVEN THE CENTER DIDN'T APPROVE OF, BECAUSE IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE ...
SO, IT IS IMPOS-SIBLE, ISN'T IT

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, TOO, BUT... I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS...
EXCUSE ME ...
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POP IN
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TIMIDLY ...
THIS IS THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM, CORRECT ...?
THAT'S CORRECT, BUT... WHO ARE YOU ?
THANK GOOD-NESS
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WHEW!

Let's see... I left the inn rather early, but I didn't know the location of the Corseit Branch
So, I asked a stranger passing by, and this time, I ended up at the balloon depot
Never-theless, I still managed to arrive at the branch, somehow
SETTING YOUR ACCOUNT ASIDE, SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST DAY AT WORK, INTRODUCE YOURSELF !!
GRAB
OKAY !?
TEAM LEADER MARION !!
I AM LUCILLE ERNELLA ... IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
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BOW!
STARTING TODAY, SHE'S OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM
...
...
IN OTHER WORDS
SHE'S YOUR FIRST JUNIOR MEMBER !!
A JUNIOR MEMBER ...!!

KYAA
I'M LATE~
I'M LATE
EH !?
WELL THEN, SINCE I HAVE A MEETING TO GO TO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER !!
FWIP!
YOU'RE ENTRUSTED
HYA
STARTLE!
...EXCUSE ME
EX-...
...SHE KEEPS TOSSING US ASIDE
I'M LOGIX FICSARIO
AND SHE'S MY COLLEAGUE, ESCHA MALIER... ...
RIGHT
THAT IS, MR. SENIOR MEMBER... WHAT...
SHOULD I DO FROM HERE ...?

TA-DA!
TODAY'S SNACK IS APPLE TART !!
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TA-DAA!!
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RUSTLE
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RUSTLE
TURN
……?
HU HU HU!
TO MAKE FRIENDS, IT'S BEST TO EAT DELICIOUS FOOD, YOU KNOW
WOW …
LET'S EAT TOGETHER
LUCILLE !!
YES, MA'AM !!

SO YOU STUDIED MEDICAL ARTS AT THE CENTER
WOW!
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE IT LATER!!
KYA
OKAY
KYA
NEXT TIME, LET'S HAVE A TEA PARTY TOGETHER, 'KAY
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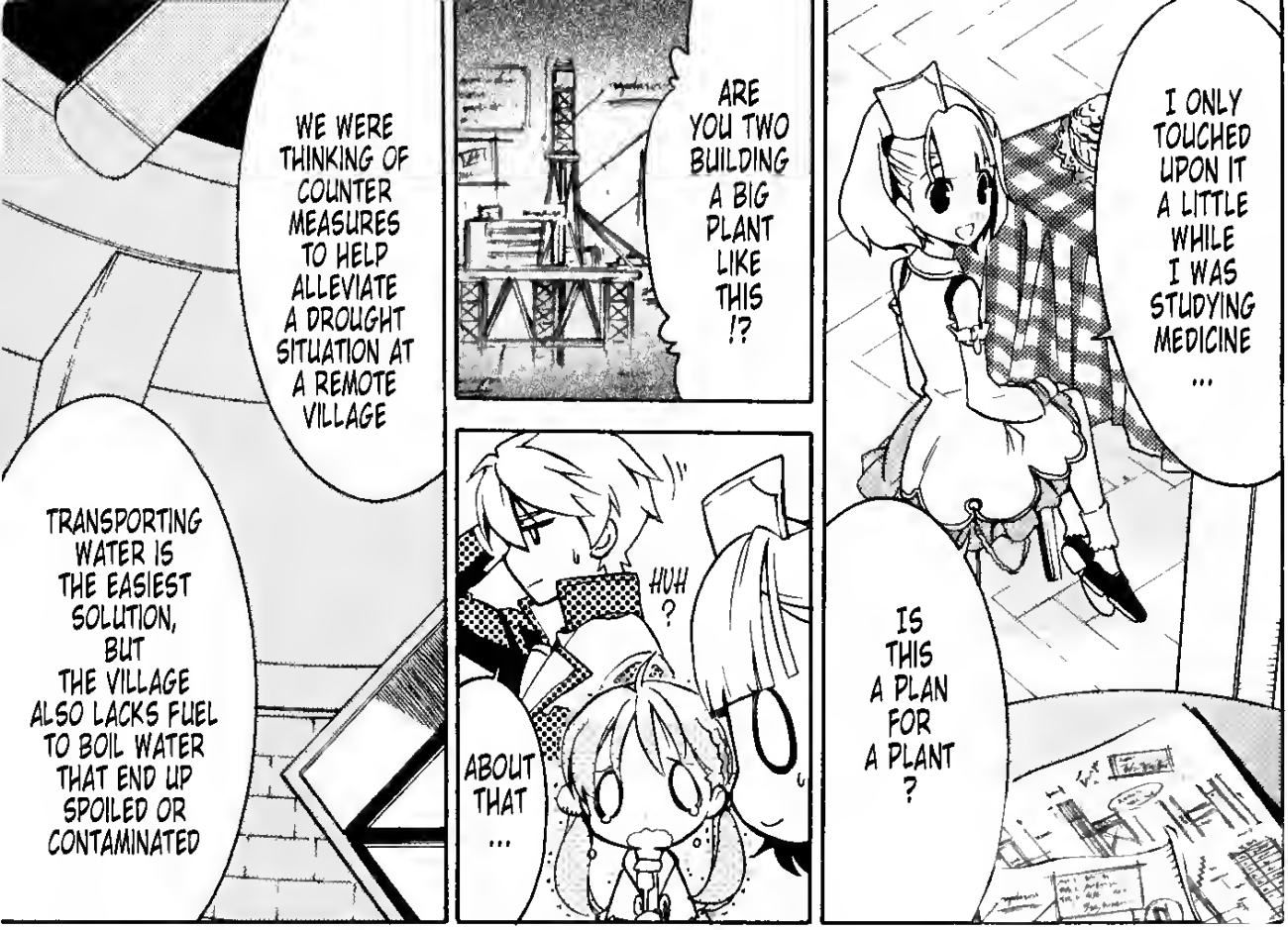
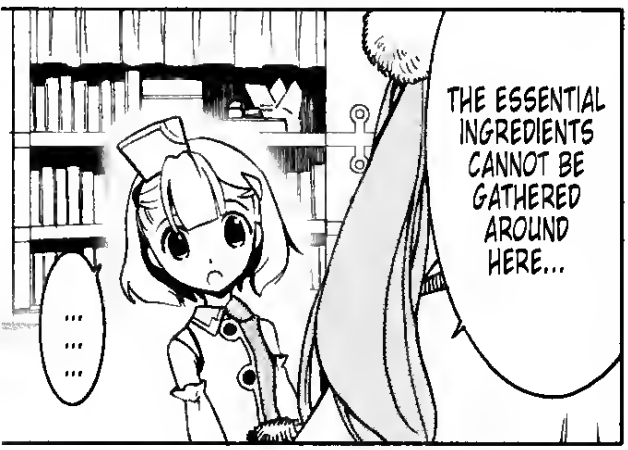
ISN'T IT!?
IT IS——!!
HU HU!
I LOVE IT♡
IT'S TOTALLY AMAZING AND DELICIOUS
I'M STILL STUDYING, BUT I CAN BE USEFUL FOR SOMETHING, IF POSSIBLE ...
AND SO, I'M HERE
YES
LUCILLE... YOU KNOW ABOUT ALCHEMY!?
OH!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN AN ALCHEMY CAULDRON
THIS IS A WONDERFUL ATELIER


I ONLY TOUCHED UPON IT A LITTLE WHILE I WAS STUDYING MEDICINE ...
IS THIS A PLAN FOR A PLANT ?
ARE YOU TWO BUILDING A BIG PLANT LIKE THIS !?
HUH ?
ABOUT THAT ...
WE WERE THINKING OF COUNTER MEASURES TO HELP ALLEVIATE A DROUGHT SITUATION AT A REMOTE VILLAGE
TRANSPORTING WATER IS THE EASIEST SOLUTION, BUT THE VILLAGE ALSO LACKS FUEL TO BOIL WATER THAT END UP SPOILED OR CONTAMINATED


THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS CANNOT BE GATHERED AROUND HERE...
... ... ...

...MY MOTHER HAS WRITTEN NOTES ON HOW TO MAKE A STONE THAT CREATES RAINFALL, BUT...

HOW ABOUT PRODUCING WATER THAT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO SPOIL OR CONTAMINATE THAN USUAL ?
IF YOU PUT IT IN STERILIZED BOTTLES, AND TRANSPORT THAT...

THAT'S IT!!
IT'S NO WONDER
BECAUSE THEY PRODUCED ALL THIS CLEAN WATER
ESCHA AND LOGY...
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ARE SLEEPING WELL, HUH
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IT'LL BE GOOD IF THIS SAVES THE VILLAGE, HUH
YES
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RUMBLE
IT SEEMS IT TOOK MORE TIME THAN PLANNED, BUT...

HOW-
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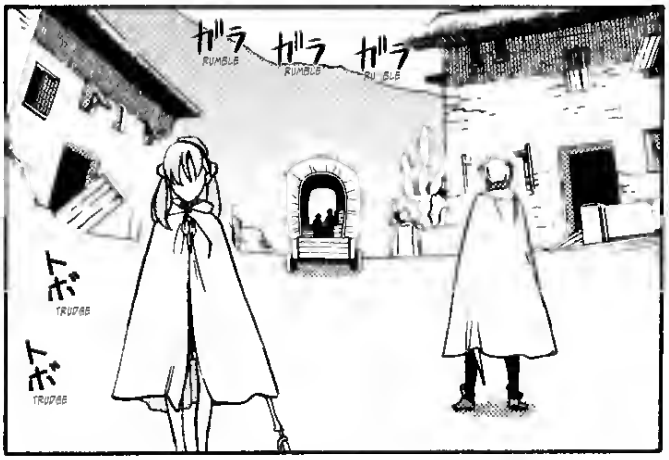
...NO
NO WAY ...

WE TOOK TOO LONG TO GET HERE
THE VILLAGERS HAVE ALREADY...
AS I EXPECTED ...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS ...?
WHY, LOGY, DO YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT !?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... AS YOU EXPECTED ?
BECAUSE EVERYONE AT CORSEIT WAS ASSISTING US, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INEXCUSABLE TO LEAVE WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE... THEREFORE, I STAYED BEHIND
MY FATHER, THE VILLAGE MAYOR, MADE THE DECISION TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE... WE LEFT THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
SO, ALL THE VILLAGERS MIGRATED TO A VILLAGE IN THE SOUTH ...
YES
ARE YOU THE PEOPLE FROM THE CORSEIT BRANCH ?

UHM ...
ANXIOUS!
PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE SUPPLIES WE TRANSPORTED TO EACH MIGRATING WAGON AND PUT THEM TO GOOD USE
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

YES, THANK YOU !!

SMILE!
I IMAGINE IT'S VERY DIFFICULT, BUT GOOD LUCK AND SAFE TRAVELS TO YOUR NEW VILLAGE
IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLES, PLEASE CALL ON US, AGAIN, OKAY !!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WELL THEN... LET'S PREPARE FOR OUR DEPARTURE
OKAY
CHINK
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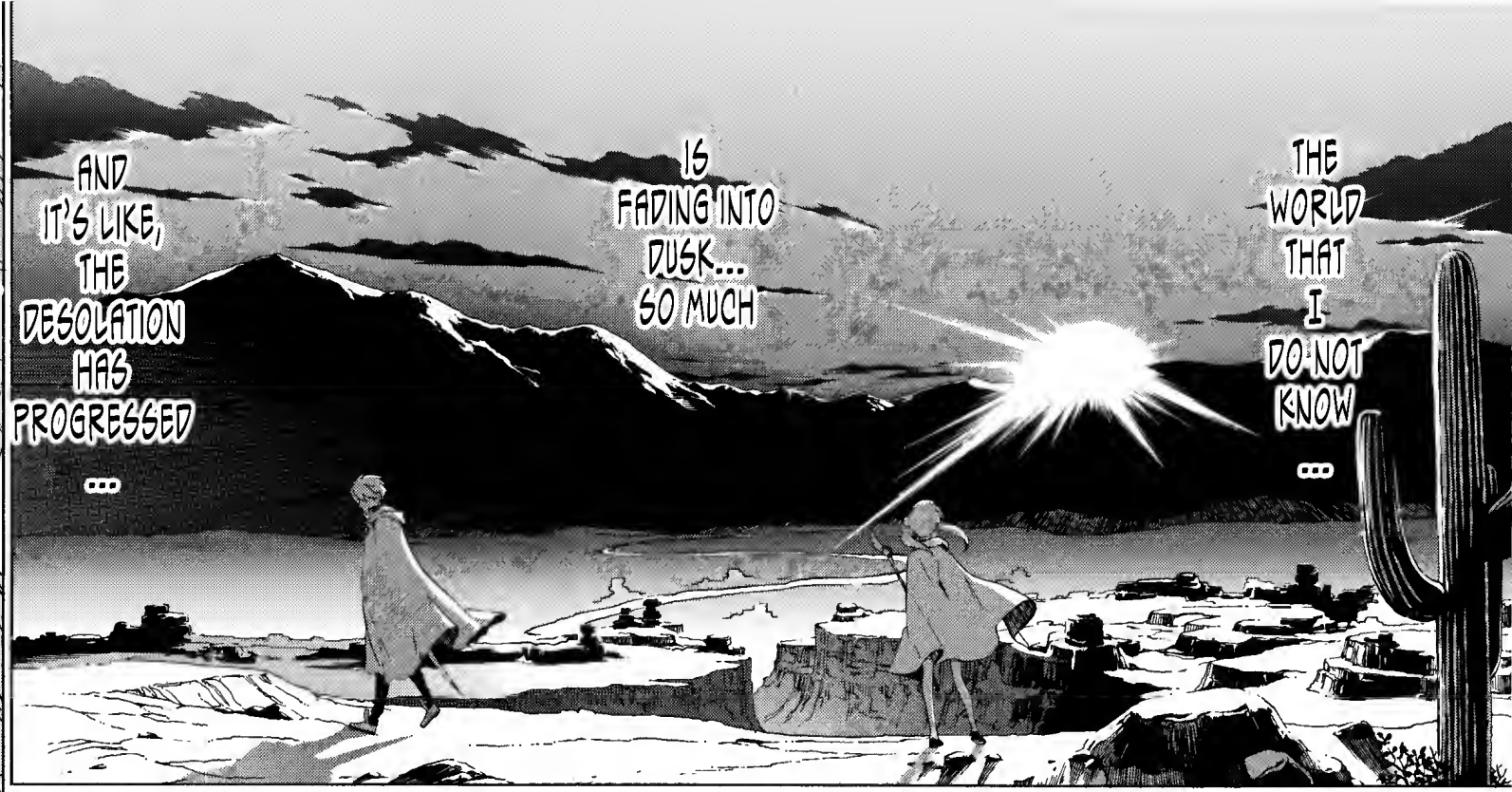
WHAT'S THIS ?
IT APPEARS TO BE A SLAB OF SOMETHING, BUT...

I BELIEVED THAT IF I COULD USE ALCHEMY...
WITH THAT ALONE, EVERYONE CAN SMILE...


AND IT'S LIKE, THE DESOLATION HAS PROGRESSED ...
IS FADING INTO DUSK... SO MUCH
THE WORLD THAT I DO NOT KNOW ...

ALCHEMY IS NEITHER ALL-PURPOSE NOR ALMIGHTY... IN A WAY, THERE ARE SITUATIONS LIKE THIS WHERE IT MIGHT BE USELESS
... ...
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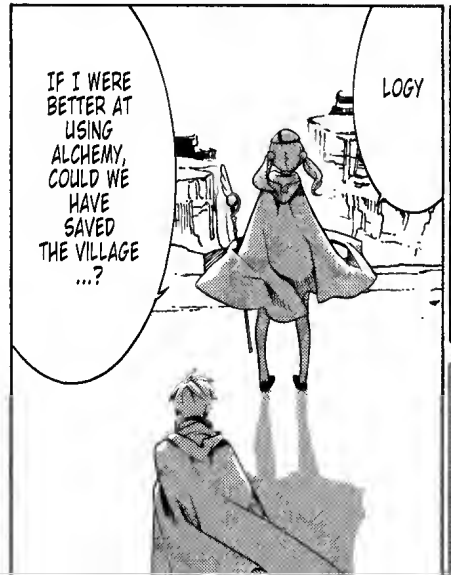
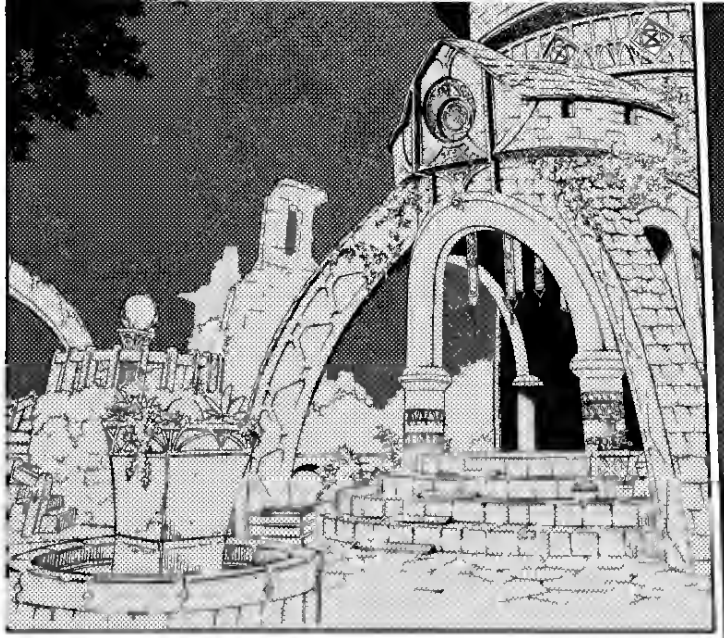
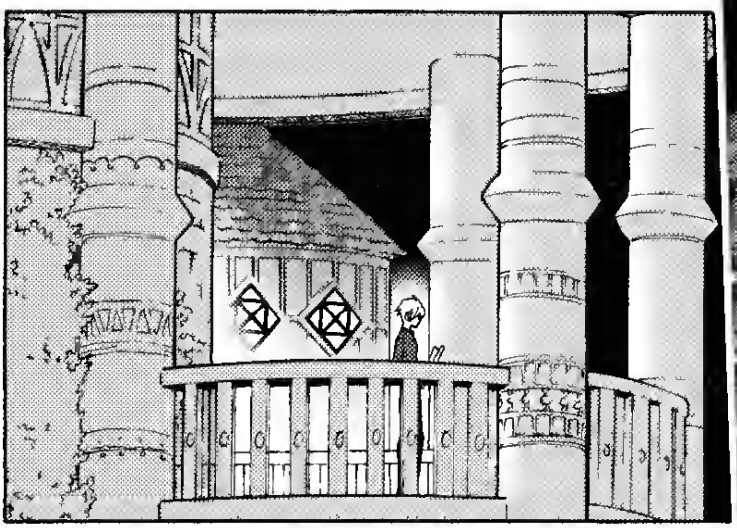

IF I WERE BETTER AT USING ALCHEMY, COULD WE HAVE SAVED THE VILLAGE ...?
LOGY

ESCHA ?





ALCHEMY ISN'T ALL-PURPOSE AND ALMIGHTY

BUT, EVEN SO ...

I WANT TO BE AN ALCHEMIST WHO CAN MAKE EVERYONE SMILE

LOGY
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK
HOW'S ESCHA ?
CLONE IS THERE, SO SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT
ESCHA WAS QUITE DISCOURAGED, BUT, YOU KNOW... BECAUSE SHE HAS HARDLY VENTURED OUTSIDE OF TOWN UP TO NOW, IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN
... ...
IF SHE CONTINUES TO WORK HERE AT THE BRANCH, SHE'LL SEE MUCH MORE SEVERE DEVASTATION THAN THAT VILLAGE
SHE HAS TO RECOVER, HUH
WE HAVE BEGUN TO FUNCTION AS A DEVELOPMENT TEAM, SOMEHOW, BUT A PROBLEM HAS ALSO COME UP
WITH OUR CURRENT EXPLORATION RANGE, THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE MATERIAL COLLECTION FOR HIGH-LEVEL ALCHEMY
TOK!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THERE IS ONE SOLUTION !!

WE SHOULD BUILD WITH OUR OWN HANDS A VEHICLE THAT HAS
HIGHER MOBILITY AND HIGHER FLIGHT SPEEDS THAN A BALLOON
BECAUSE YOU WERE A RESEARCHER AT THE CENTER, YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, TOO, RIGHT ?
ABOUT THAT VEHICLE WHICH OFTEN APPEARS IN THE BOOKS FROM THE PREVIOUS ERA
A VEHICLE, SAID TO BE THE CULMINATION OF ALCHEMY, THAT SOARS THE HEAVENS —
THE AIRSHIP !!

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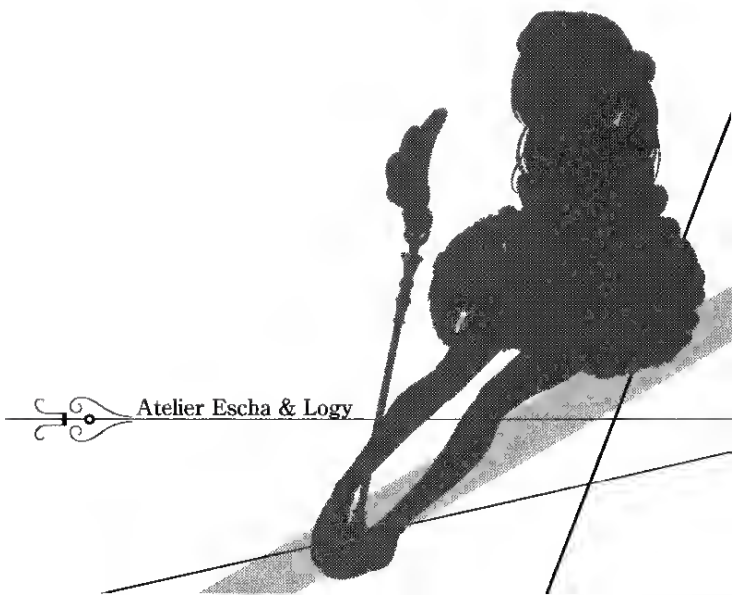
Escha &Logy
黄昏の空の錬金術士
エスカ&ロジーのアトリエ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